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**Raymond Anderson is sentenced to 30 years imprisonment in
the carjacking and murder of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute**

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A federal judge today sentenced **Raymond Anderson** to 30 years in federal prison for his role in the June 2000 carjacking and murder of Jason Burgeson and Amy Shute. Anderson testified for the government during the case and, of four defendants who pleaded guilty to federal carjacking charges, is the only one not to receive a life sentence.

United States Attorney Margaret E. Curran announced the sentence, which Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ronald R. Lagueux imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence. In January 2001, Anderson pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and carjacking, death resulting, and agreed to cooperate with the government in the prosecution of the case. As a result, the government filed a motion under federal Sentencing Guidelines, asking the court to recognize Anderson's cooperation by imposing a lesser sentence than the guidelines called for – which could have been up to life imprisonment.

Three defendants have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the carjacking homicides: **Samuel Sanchez**, who urged the killings, **Harry Burdick**, who participated in the abduction and shared in the proceeds of the robbery, and the triggerman, **Gregory**

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Floyd. A fifth, **Kenneth Day**, was acquitted by Judge Lagueux during a trial at which Anderson testified for the government.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerard B. Sullivan said at Anderson's plea hearing last year that, on the night of June 8, 2000, the five men prowled downtown Providence streets in search of robbery victims. Shortly after 1:00 AM on June 9, near the Arcade in downtown Providence, Floyd and Burdick forced Burgeson and Shute at gunpoint into Burgeson's SUV and commandeered the vehicle.

With Sanchez, Day, and Anderson leading the way in Sanchez's car, Floyd and Burdick took their captives in the SUV to a remote construction site in Johnston, now the site of Button Hole golf course. There, with Day and Sanchez urging him on, Floyd shot both victims. The carjackers then divided among themselves the proceeds of the crime, which included jewelry that Day had taken from Amy Shute and approximately \$18 in change from the SUV.

All five defendants were arrested later that day and, after initially being charged with state crimes, were indicted by a federal grand jury in December 2000 on charges of conspiracy and carjacking, death resulting. In the ensuing months, Anderson, Burdick, Sanchez, and Floyd pleaded guilty to those charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sullivan asked the court to recognize Anderson's level of cooperation by imposing a sentence of 405 months in prison – 33 years and nine months. Judge Lagueux determined that the appropriate sentence was 360 months – 30 years.

The case was investigated by **Johnston Police** and the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**. They were assisted by the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms**,

the **RI Department of Corrections Special Investigations Unit**, and **Providence Police**.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sullivan, who was assisted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary E. Rogers and two state prosecutors: Assistant Attorneys General Stephen Dambruch and Peter Neronha.

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